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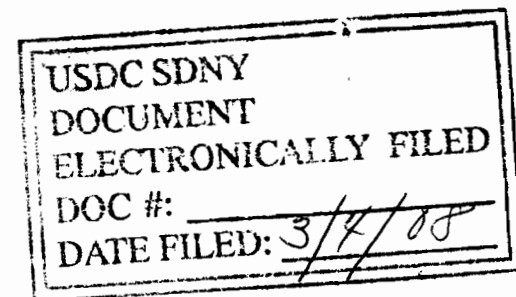
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March 3, 2008

BY HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Maikel Soto
No. 07 Cr. 534 (SAS)
Request for Adjournment, on Consent



Dear Judge Scheindlin:

I am writing to respectfully request that the control date for Mr. Soto's guilty plea, currently scheduled for March 3, 2008, be adjourned until March 31, 2008. The parties have not yet completed their plea negotiations in this case.

I have spoken with Assistant United States Attorney Eugene Ingoglia, who consents to this request. In addition, the defense requests that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act until the adjourned date.

*Request Granted
Conference adjourned to
March 31, 2008 at 4:30pm
and time excluded
to be done.*

Respectfully submitted,

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